

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the interested party notification list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's website page at <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/30>, or by contacting the Board at 478-207-2440.

Any interested party affected by the rule may present written comments to the Board **no later than close of business June 5, 2018**. Written comments must be legible, signed, and should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address, etc.). Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; fax (866) 888-1308. Oral statements presented during the public hearing should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its April 10, 2018 meeting. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54. Finally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed or owned and operated in the field of funeral service.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at its meeting scheduled to begin 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, at the Professional

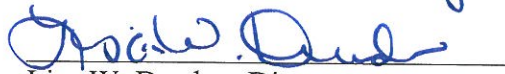
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Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment to 250-4-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 2 day of may 2018.



Lisa W. Durden, Director
Professional Licensing Boards

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES
Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.03 Serving Of Apprenticeship

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to change formatting and sentence structure to make the rule more easily understood, to update redundant and archaic language, and to clarify the rules regarding hours and reports.

Main Features: The main features of this amendment are organizing (1) into a list for ease of reading, general language clean-up, and adding language to further clarify (3) and (4).

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULE
Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.03 Serving of Apprenticeship

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

CHAPTER 250-4 APPRENTICESHIP

RULE 250-4-.03 SERVING OF APPRENTICESHIP

- (1) Hours and Duration. An apprenticeship period consists of 3,120 hours served in a time period of no less than eighteen (18) months and no more than two (2) renewal cycles as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-18-50(c).
 - (a) This period shall be measured from the date the application is approved by the Board.
 - (b) The (18) eighteen-month minimum is in addition to the time required to graduate from a college of funeral service accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or ~~such~~ other college specifically approved by the Board.
 - (c) An apprentice shall be allowed to serve a maximum of four (4) hours per day for credit towards completion of the apprenticeship period while enrolled in ~~such~~ college.
- (2) Business Hours. ~~Regular business hours, for~~ For purposes of apprenticeship, ~~means regular business hours are~~ the hours between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.
- (3) Sleeping. An apprentice ~~may~~ shall not count hours spent sleeping in a funeral establishment toward ~~his/her~~ the hours of requirement, even if ~~such~~ the time spent sleeping occurs during the regular business hours as defined in Rule 250-4-.03(2).
- (4) Reports. Every six (6) months, each apprentice shall furnish to the Board the details of the hours spent in employment as an apprentice on forms ~~supplied~~ approved by the Board. After completing the 3,120 hours for apprenticeship within the specified period, the apprentice shall send the last report to the Board regardless of the date. The

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information contained in the report shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in full and continuous charge and by the supervising funeral director and embalmer. The report will specify the number of bodies which the apprentice has assisted with embalming and the number of funerals in which the apprentice has assisted. This report shall be kept current and made available for inspection upon request.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54

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